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## THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

The president on the 7th signed the bill prohibiting prize fighting in the territories and District of Columbia.

The treasury officials on the 7th completed the computation of bids offered for the new bond issue, from which it appears that the amount of bids above that of J. P. Morgan and his associates (\$110,657) was \$66,788,650, and that the amount which will be awarded to the syndicate therefore will be \$33,211,350, or approximately one-third of the whole issue. The number of successful bidders was 781.

The resolution on the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents of the United States senate committee on foreign relations has created a great sensation in Spain, all the newspapers taking great offense at it. The Herald advises the Spanish government to send an ironclad squadron to Cuba.

The National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union, which has been in session at Washington adjourned on the 6th. The "sub-treasury plan," to which the alliance has been committed for a number of years, and the demand for an increase of the circulating medium of \$50 per capita were eliminated from the platform.

The work of opening the bids for the government bonds began at the United States treasury department on the 5th. There was an immense string of bidders, great and small, and the loan was subscribed for many times over. It was reported that no bids below 111 would be accepted.

The secretary of the interior has decided upon May 1 next as the date of the opening of the agricultural lands of the Red Lake Indians in Minnesota, which embrace about 800,000 acres and will be sold at \$1.25 per acre.

The treasury department at Washington issued a statement of the withdrawals of gold from January 5 to February 5, 1896. It appears the total amount withdrawn for export aggregated \$8,904,133; not for export, \$7,349,645; total, \$16,253,778.

The supreme council of the National Farmer's Alliance, on the 5th, at Washington, disposed of all the matters coming before the annual meeting. Mann Page, of Virginia, was elected president, and R. A. Southworth, of Colorado, secretary and treasurer. J. E. Willets, of Kansas, was put on the executive committee.

CONGRESSMAN MILLER has prepared a bill dividing the state of Kansas into two judicial districts, the dividing line running east and west nearly through the center of the state.

EDWIN F. UHL, assistant secretary of state, has been tendered the post of ambassador to Germany, to succeed the late Theodore Runyon.

The National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union met at Washington on the 4th, nearly every state being represented. J. E. Willets, of Kansas, was president.

The house ways and means committee has decided to report a bill fixing penalties for knowingly selling and shipping or keeping for sale wines or liquors under names of different brands. The penalty for the first offense is fixed at \$500 fine and six months' imprisonment, and for the second offense double that.

### GENERAL NEWS.

The sultan of Turkey has replied to the autograph letter of Queen Victoria, which, it is understood, was a personal appeal to the better nature of the sultan against the condition of Asia Minor. The sultan sympathizes with the humane sentiments expressed and declares that the reports of the massacres were spread by evil disposed persons. He also asserted that it was the Turks who were first attacked while praying in the mosque.

A MOVEMENT was reported among leading republican politicians of Indiana to send ex-President Harrison to the national convention at St. Louis as one of the delegates at large.

GEORGE BAXTER, a logger at Portland, Ore., slashed his wife's throat from ear to ear and then attempted to commit suicide. The woman died in a few minutes. Both had been drinking heavily during the day.

The failures for the week ended February 7 (Dun's report) were 323 in the United States, against 281 last year, and 63 in Canada, against 58 last year.

The clearing house returns for the week ended February 8 for the following cities were: New York, \$599,862,298; Chicago, \$84,865,451; St. Louis, \$23,893,609; Kansas City, \$9,604,765; St. Joseph, \$1,262,609; Topeka, \$452,445; Wichita, \$388,679; Omaha, \$4,417,494.

The right of the women of Ohio to vote for members of school boards was sustained by a close decision of the supreme court at Columbus on the 7th.

AN unknown man was decapitated by the wheels of a Hannibal & St. Joseph train on the river bridge at Quincy, Ill., on the 7th. So far identification has been impossible on account of the fact that the head fell into the Mississippi.

STANHOPE ROYSTER, who shot and killed Banker McFarland for betraying his daughter, was acquitted of murder after a week's trial at Boone, Ia. The jury was only out five minutes. When the verdict was announced men and women rose to their feet and cheered, hats were thrown in the air and handkerchiefs waved in every hand.

WILLIAM H. ENGLISH died at Indianapolis, Ind., from inflammatory rheumatism, superinduced by an attack of the grip. He ran for vice president on the democratic ticket with Winfield L. Hancock at the head in 1880.

THE British steamer Laurestina, which sailed from Baltimore, Md., for Ireland about two months ago, has been officially posted at Lloyd's as missing and all on board, 29 to 35 men, were believed to have been drowned.

GEN. JOHN GIBSON, the famous Indian fighter, died at Baltimore, Md., recently, of pneumonia, aged 68.

JOE MERRIFIELD, aged 12, shot his brother, aged seven, with a Winchester rifle at Hedrick, Ia., on the 7th, and then blew the top of his head off. The father had left the boys together in the house and they quarreled. When neighbors came in the two boys lay dead on the floor.

RECENTLY the women of Black Jack, Tex., called on two men there who sold whisky and malt tonic and asked them to quit the business, and on their refusal a large body of women gathered at the Baptist church and from there walked into the houses where the whisky was sold and began the work of destruction with axes, hatchets and hammers, totally destroying all they could lay their hands on.

BENJAMIN RATCLIFF, the slayer of the entire school board of Jefferson district, Park county, Col., was hanged at the penitentiary at Canon City on the night of the 7th.

ROBBERS entered the house of Mr. Casper Wagner, near Pittsburgh, Pa., and bound him and then held lighted matches under the bare feet of his wife to compel one of them to tell the whereabouts of their wealth. The husband finally told them where they could get it and the robbers, after getting it, then tortured Mr. Wagner to see if they could extort any more. Mrs. Wagner was reported dying from her injuries.

A SHIFTING engine on the Baltimore & Ohio railway ran into an electric car at Rankin's crossing, nine miles east of Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 7th, killing the conductor and fatally injuring the motorman. All the passengers escaped serious injury. The accident was caused by slippery rails.

THE Union Republican club of Washington is arranging to have the 40th anniversary of the birth of the national republican party celebrated throughout the country on the 22d in a fitting manner.

FIRE caused 150 tenants of the Brighton apartment building at Chicago to move in a great hurry on the evening of the 7th. Some had to be carried out, for the flames spread rapidly and the smoke filled the whole structure. Loss, \$95,000.

THE meeting of striking machinists, boiler makers and blacksmiths of the Mexican International road, at Eagle Pass, Tex., resulted in no terms being made with the company and they have been joined by the carpenters and builders, who walked out. This closed all departments and the strike has extended all along the line.

SCOTT JACKSON and William Wood have been arrested for the murder of Miss Pearl Bryan near Fort Thomas, Ky. Jackson confessed. The body of the murdered girl was discovered with her head missing.

WILLIAM R. MORRISON, interstate commerce commissioner, has denied the report that he had sent the Illinois democratic leaders word that the free silver idea must be abandoned or that he would refuse to be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.

SENATOR MANION BUTLER has issued an address calling for the organization of the silver party in North Carolina which has caused somewhat of a sensation.

The high wind which prevailed at New York on the 6th did great damage to property. A three-story brick building was blown down in Brooklyn and three workmen were killed.

MORTON FINELL was warming up some sticks of giant powder in a stove at a quarry near Anaconda, Mont., when there was an explosion and he was blown into an unrecognizable mass. Two others were dangerously injured and the cabin was wrecked.

It was reported at El Paso, Tex., that Schlatter, the Denver healer, had been frozen to death in the New Mexican mountains.

MR. AND MRS. SHAUNNESSY and two children were asphyxiated on their farm near Carbondale Pa., through the gas escaping from a kitchen stove.

A COLLISION occurred between two freight trains on the Wabash railroad near Edwardsville, Ill. The fireman was killed and the engineer injured. The engines of both trains were demolished and the cars piled as high as the telegraph poles.

THE steamer Lamington was driven ashore near New York on the 6th and 14 men were in peril on board. The life savers made many attempts to reach the men with a line and had failed. The men were too exhausted to catch the lines. The life savers had given up all hopes of saving them, as the vessel was being pounded badly by the waves and threatened to go to pieces.

THE Pocahontas dam at Morristown, N. J., broke on the 6th. Twenty-five people were reported missing and may have perished. The break was followed by a great flood. Men, women and children were in the windows of houses, completely surrounded by rushing waters. Boats were procured and brought many to places of safety. The current was so swift that it was impossible to reach the more distant houses until the occupants had been swept away.

THE barn and stables of Henry B. Galtner, near Vidalia, La., were struck by lightning and 26 head of horses and mules were burned, besides much feed. The local option bill was defeated in the lower house of the Ohio legislature at Columbus and the senate passed a bill to increase the liquor tax to \$500.

SIX workmen lost their lives and nine others were barely rescued from the icy water of the Pequaboc river, near Bristol, Conn., on the 6th. They were pulling an old bridge down when it suddenly collapsed and they were precipitated into the river and the broken mass of timbers fell upon them.

A FIRE started in a lumber yard at Roundbrook, near Plainfield, N. J., early on the morning of the 7th and the place was thought to be doomed. The inhabitants had the choice of either burning, swimming or drowning, as the dam at the place had broken and many houses were swept away and the water was waist deep. Owing to no direct communication with the place the news was somewhat meager.

A COMMITTEE of prominent residents of Chicago has issued a call to all parts of the country for expressions of opinion on Washington's birthday on the proposition to establish a permanent board of arbitration for the settlement of difficulties between this country and England. Dr. William C. Gray, 69 Dearborn street, Chicago, and William E. Dodge, of 11 Cliff street, New York, will arrange them for transmission to the president of the United States and Queen Victoria.

A WELL of fine petroleum was struck 25 miles west of Eufaula, I. T.

GEN. WIEROKIN, the Russian chief of police at Warsaw, Poland, was killed by poison administered by nihilists. He had the reputation of being the most cruel henchman of the czar.

NEAR South McAlester, I. T., the southbound Missouri, Kansas & Texas mail train was wrecked, five coaches and one sleeper being badly smashed.

### ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

PETER L. ATKINS took Maud Kelley out driving on the night of the 9th. They crossed Wallkill river near Middletown, N. Y., and in the darkness Atkins drove off the road into a flooded meadow. A man went to their assistance with a lantern, but could not succor them and the two succumbed to the intense cold and sank beneath the flood after an hour's suffering.

THE schooner Florida, coal laden, was discovered half a mile off Salisbury beach, near Amesbury, Mass., in a sinking condition on the 9th. The life-saving crew attempted to reach the vessel with a line but failed, and seven men were drowned.

FIRE started from an unknown cause and burned an unoccupied cottage at Brooklyn to the ground on the 9th. Later in the day while a crowd was viewing the ruins the chimney fell without warning and instantly killed two children and seriously injured a man.

JAMES HENDRY, 14 years old, stabbed and killed his older sister, Sallie, at Greenville, Tenn., on the 9th. The boy became angry because she would not prepare his supper quick enough and plunged a knife into her abdomen.

FREDERICK ZUERST, living near Cushing, Ok., who has been beating his wife and children brutally of late, was dragged from his bed by a dozen masked men, tied to a tree and given 100 lashes on his bare back. He was then informed that if he kept up his brutality he would be hanged next time.

The derailling of a truck on a Cleveland, Canton & Southern mixed train near Dell Roy, O., on the 9th threw a passenger coach down an embankment and the car caught fire. Eight persons were severely injured and a miner was badly burned.

At a church in Clifton Prairie, Tex., the Williams boys met the Walker boys on the 9th and there was a fight between them, pistols being freely used. One of the Walkers was killed outright and several on both sides were seriously wounded. It was the climax to a feud of long standing.

CARL DAHLKE and Herman Dahlke, brothers, fought a frightful duel with knives at Chicago. There had been a family gathering for the christening of a babe, when the brothers quarreled and Carl buried his knife in Herman's head, entering at the left eye, and the unfortunate man fell to the ground in agony. Carl then made his escape.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

### The Beet Sugar Convention.

Delegates poured into Fremont on the 5th to attend the beet sugar convention, and as each delegation arrived the reception committee supplied them with badges printed upon red woolen cloth manufactured at the Fremont woolen mills. Flags were displayed on all public buildings and business houses in the city, and the sugar beet was a conspicuous feature in all decorations. Love's opera house, in which the convention was held, was also handsomely decorated. The convention was called to order at two p. m. by W. N. Nason, secretary of the association, and a short address was delivered by R. W. Furnas. Hon. G. D. Melklejohn, president of the association, then delivered an address, speaking for an hour and a half. After the appointment of a committee on resolutions Gov. Holcomb addressed the convention. The governor advocated more factories. They should be erected in such localities that they would be convenient to the farmers. Instead of two, we should have twenty factories. A. C. Bassett, of Gideon, then read a paper on the growth and development of the beet sugar industry in Nebraska. At the evening session Prof. Nicholson, of Lincoln; Mr. Fort, of Sidney, and Daniel Farrell, Jr., of Omaha, read papers. The following officers were then elected: President, R. M. Allen, of Ames; vice presidents, C. A. Atkinson of Lincoln, Dan Farrell, Jr., of Omaha, Bert Mapes of Norfolk, J. B. Cessna of Hastings, W. H. Reynolds of Chadron and W. P. Norcross of Beatrice; secretary, W. N. Nason, Omaha; assistant secretary, C. McLennan, Sidney; treasurer, C. A. Whitmore, Valley.

At the second day's session Grand Island was chosen as the place of the next convention. Among the resolutions reported was one demanding the appointment of a state chemist for the analysis of beets and a resolution advocating the enactment of a bounty law to extend to 1901. Another resolution advocated the organization of county beet sugar associations. A letter was read from ex-Senator Manderson, which was a strong plea for a bounty or government protection to the sugar producing business. M. A. Lund then read a paper on "How to Secure Beet Sugar Factories." He considered a state and national bounty as an important element to be considered. After the reading of many other papers the convention adjourned.

### Miscellaneous.

FARMERS in the vicinity of Louisville have organized to prevent petty thieving.

THE Otoe County Horticultural society, which had been defunct for several years, has been reorganized.

SPOTTED fever of a malignant type was recently reported as prevailing at Linwood. Two children in one family had died of the disease.

AT an early hour the other morning earthquake shocks shook up the people of Plainview, Norfolk, Winside, Pierce and many other towns in that vicinity.

THE large dry goods, millinery and carpet stock of L. Lowman & Son, of McCook, was practically ruined by fire and water at a late hour the other night. Loss estimated at over \$15,000; insurance, \$13,000.

THE gold excitement still prevails in the vicinity of Pleasant Dale. It is said there is hardly a farmer in that section who has not taken some dirt and sand, and, after washing it, tested it, or had it tested with acids.

THE state board of irrigation has decided against the claim for water appropriated by E. E. Owens, of Dund county. The board found that Owens never posted notice of appropriation as required by law, and that his claim was void, but gave him ten days to file his claim.

GOING to law over trifles is costly. The suit of Gering against Walker was lately decided in favor of the plaintiff at Plattsmouth. The original amount involved was \$2, the price of a shelf left in Walker's house by Gering. The costs already exceed \$100, to say nothing of lawyers' fees, and the case will now go to the supreme court.

THE Lumber Dealers' association, recently in session at Lincoln, passed a resolution pledging themselves, when possible to do so, "to buy only of wholesale firms who are members of the association, situated, and doing business in our own state, and such manufacturers whose names appear on our list as honorary members." M. L. Fries, of Arcadia, was elected president; G. W. Baldwin, Creta, vice president; William Fried, Fremont, secretary.

At the 24th annual meeting of the Nebraska State Press association on January 30 many interesting papers were read, among them one by Chancellor MacLean on "The Newspaper Press of England." A resolution was adopted indorsing the plan of holding a trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha, and the following officers elected for the next year: President, W. E. Dayton, York Republican; secretary and treasurer, F. N. Merwin, Nebraska Editor; corresponding secretary, D. H. Cronin, O'Neill Frontier; executive committee, C. M. Hubner, Nebraska City News; M. A. Brown, Kearney Hub; W. O. Jones, State Journal; Edgar Howard, Papillion Times; M. H. Barber. A vice-president was elected for each congressional district.

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